



**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COLUMBIA DIVISION**

JAMES TEAL,  
Plaintiff,

vs.

S.C DEP'T OF PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR  
ROBERT WOODS and OFFICER G.E.  
LITTLE,  
Defendants.

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Civil Action No.: 3:22-3879-MGL

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**ORDER ADOPTING THE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION  
AND SUMMARILY DISMISSING PLAINTIFF'S AMENDED COMPLAINT  
WITHOUT PREJUDICE AND WITHOUT ISSUANCE AND SERVICE OF PROCESS**

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Plaintiff James Teal (Teal), proceeding pro se, filed an amended complaint against Defendants S.C Dep't of Public Safety Director Robert Woods and Officer G.E. Little, alleging violations of his Sixth Amendment rights, negligence, and property and financial loss.

This matter is before the Court for review of the Report and Recommendation (Report) of the United States Magistrate Judge recommending the Court summarily dismiss the amended complaint without prejudice and without issuance and service of process for lack of subject-matter jurisdiction. The Report was made in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 636 and Local Civil Rule 73.02 for the District of South Carolina.

The Magistrate Judge makes only a recommendation to this Court. The recommendation has no presumptive weight. The responsibility to make a final determination remains with the Court. *Mathews v. Weber*, 423 U.S. 261, 270 (1976). The Court is charged with making a de novo determination of those portions of the Report to which specific objection is made, and the Court

may accept, reject, or modify, in whole or in part, the recommendation of the Magistrate Judge or recommit the matter with instructions. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1).

The Magistrate Judge filed the Report on November 21, 2022. To date, Teal has failed to file any objections. “[I]n the absence of a timely filed objection, a district court need not conduct a de novo review, but instead must ‘only satisfy itself that there is no clear error on the face of the record in order to accept the recommendation.’” *Diamond v. Colonial Life & Acc. Ins. Co.*, 416 F.3d 310, 315 (4th Cir. 2005) (quoting Fed. R. Civ. P. 72 advisory committee’s note). Moreover, a failure to object waives appellate review. *Wright v. Collins*, 766 F.2d 841, 845–46 (4th Cir. 1985).

After a thorough review of the Report and the record in this case under the standard set forth above, the Court adopts the Report and incorporates it herein. Therefore, it is the judgment of the Court Teal’s amended complaint is summarily **DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE** and without issuance and service of process.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Signed this 15th day of December 2022, in Columbia, South Carolina.

s/ Mary Geiger Lewis  
MARY GEIGER LEWIS  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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#### **NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL**

The parties are hereby notified of the right to appeal this Order within thirty days from the date hereof, pursuant to Rules 3 and 4 of the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure.